Committees to look into education issues

1824. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted seven Committees to look into various issues pertaining to education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these Committees have been urged to submit their report within shortest period of time; and

(d) the issues that would be discussed for recommending various measures thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d) Seven Committees of the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) have been constituted, the details of which are available in this Ministry's website (www.education.nic.in) under the Head 'Announcements'. However, the subject and the terms of reference of the Committees and their date of constitution are indicated below:

Sl. No.	Subject of the CABE Committee and the date of its constitution		Terms of Reference
1.	Free and Compulsory Education Bill and other issues related to Elementary Education Constituted on 8.9.2004	(a) (b)	To suggest a draft of Legislation envisaged in Article 21A of the Constitution. To examine other issues related to elementary education for achieving the objectives of free and compulsory basic education.
2.	Girls Education and the Common School System	(a)	To examine existing scheme incentives and special measures

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		aimed at reducing gender disparity and increasing the participation and retention of girls, in all sectors of education.
	Constituted on 8.9.2004	(b) To make the provision in the NPE and POA regarding the Common School System, a reality.
		(c) To examine ways of promoting inclusive education and the education of all children with disabilities/special needs.
3.	Universalisation of Secondary Education Constituted on 8.9.2004	To, prepare a blueprint for the universalisation of secondary education consequent upon the attainment of universalisation of elementary education.
4.	Autonomy of Higher Educational Institutions Constituted on 8.9.2004	(a) To suggest measures for enhancing the autonomy of higher educational institutions, especially those with potential for excellence. (b) To institutionalize regulatory provisions for promoting autonomy and accountability of higher educational institutions.

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	5. Integration of Culture Education in the School Curriculum Constituted on 10.9.2004	(a)	To suggest ways of enhancing the quality of cultural awareness among school going children;
		(b)	To suggest ways of introducing both in curricular and extra-curricular ways, the learning of our traditional, folk, classical and contemporary art forms;
		(c)	To suggest ways of helping the students to appreciate the world of arts, music and literature;
		(d)	To suggest ways of introducing a capsule on the appreciation of arts in the curriculum of teacher education;
		(e)	To suggest ways of introducing art appreciation as an elective subject in the universities;
		(0	To help understand the status of art and music schools and colleges in the country.
6.	Regulatory Mechanism for the Text books and parallel text books taught in schools out side the Government system	(a)	To study and report on text books in government schools not using the CBSE syllabus;

Sl. No.	Subject of the GABE Committee and the date of its constitution		Terms of Reference
	Constituted on 10.9.2004	(b)	To study the text books and curriculum of schools outside the Government system, including those run by the religious and social organizations;
		(c)	To suggest an appropriate regulatory mechanism for institutionalizing the issue of preparation of text books and curricular material.
7.	Financing of Higher and Technical Education Constituted on 10.9.2004	(a)	To examine the adequacy of investments in Higher/ Technical Education and to find ways of augmenting the resource flow in Higher Education;
		(b)	To examine the question of a fair share of 6% of GDP, for Education;
		(c)	To suggest the ways of encouraging and regulating private participation and investments in Higher/ Technical Education.

The Committees are to give their recommendations within six months from the date of their constitution.

Autonomy to colleges in Karnataka

1825. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the colleges in Karnataka which have been granted autonomy by the University Grants Commission;